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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL (ITU) BUTLER TO DEPT OF
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REF: A) GENEVA 7301; B) STATE 276406; C) GENEVA 253

1. ITU DSYG BUTLER INFORMED TEL ATT JAN 20 THAT THE HAS HAD TO POSTPO
NE
HIS TRIP TO US UNTIL FEB 2 AND THAT HE WILL CALL DEPT (EB/TD; O'NIELL
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WEEK OF FEB 10-14 TO ARRANGE FOR VISIT TO WASHINGTON SOMETIME THAT
WEEK. WHILE IN NEW YORK BUTLER WILL ATTEND MEETING OF 1) IOB; 2)SP-
ECIAL POLICY COORDINATION GROUP OF ECOSOC; 3) ACC SUB-GROUP ON REVIEW
OF AGENCY AGREEMENTS; AND 4) UN LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES
GOVERNING SATELLITE BROADCASTING.

2. DSYG SIAD THAT AMONG TOPICS HE WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS WITH DEPT
(EB/TD) DURING HIS VISIT WOULD BE: 1) FUTURE OF REGIONAL PLAN
COMMITTEES; 2) PREPARATIONS FOR 1977 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO
CONFERENCES (AERONAUTICAL SERVICES AND SATELLITE BROADCASTING); 3)
PREPARATIONS FOR 1979 WARC CONFERENCE; 4) DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING
1975 LF/MF BROADCASTING CONFERENCE; 5) REVISION OF STRUCTURE OF RADIO
REGULATIONS; 6) FRENCH CHALLENGE TO ITU SECRETARY
GENERAL ON FRENCH WORDING OF TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION, PARA
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3. BUTLER HAD FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THIS AGENDA:

A) REGIONAL PLAN COMMITTEES: HE HAD VISITED FRG TELE-COMMUNICATION OFFICIALS IN BONN LAST WEEK AND FOUND THEY TOO, AGREED WITH UK THAT NOW WAS TIME TO REVISE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF REGIONAL PLAN COMMITTEES. FRG OFFICIALS BELIEVE REGIONAL PLAN COMMITTEES SHOULD ESTABLISH THE MECHANISM FOR EXCHANGE OF REFERENCE DATA AND CONFINE THEMSELVES TO THIS ROLE. BUTLER SAID HE WAS NOT GOING TO KINSHASA MEETING OF AFRICAN PLAN COMMITTEE AS HE HAD ACCOMPLISHED WHAT HE HAD WISHED TO ACCOMPLISH AT TOKYO; THAT CCIR DIRECTOR KIRBY WOULD BE ATTENDING FOR FIRST TIME "TO GET FEEL" FOR WORK, PROBLEMS OF REGIONAL PLAN COMMITTEES. BUTLER FELT THAT REAL PLANNING FOR THE AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLAN HAD BEEN DONE BY THE SIX TO SEVEN UNDP/ITU (TCD) PRE-INVESTMENT STUDY MISSIONS AND REGIONAL AFRICAN SEMINARS FINANCED BY EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY FUNDS.

B) 1977 RADIO CONFERENCES: DSYG NOTED THAT THERE WAS GENUINE CONCERN AMONG ACANDINAVIANS AND ELSEWHERE THAT 1977 CONFERENCES SHOULD NOT COMPROMISE THE MAJOR 1979 WARC CONFERENCE. HE SAID CANADIANS HAD SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR 1977 AERONAUTICAL CONFERENCE CALLING FOR PLANNING MINIMUM SPECTRUM USE FOR AERONAUTICAL SERVICE. HE ASKED HOW ONE COULD ACHIEVE THIS WITHOUT PREPARATORY WORK ON STATISTICS AND FORMAT. HE NOTED THAT A WORKING PARTY OF ADMINISTRATIONS HAD MET IN 1964, TO PREPARE FOR 1966 AERONAUTICAL CONFERENCE. HE ADDED THAT ITU HAD NO PROOF THAT THE ICAO COMMUNICATION GROUP COULD DO ALL THE PREPARATORY WORK REQUIRED FOR THE 1977 CONFERENCE. HE FELT THAT THE WIDER INTER-GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST OF ITU MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE FOR USE OF THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM SHOULD BE REPRESENTED BY A MEMBER STATE PLANNING GROUP.

C) PREPARATIONS FOR 1979 WARC: BUTLER SAID HE AND CCIR DIRECTOR KIRBY AGREED THAT AFTER THE CCIR PLENARY IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1977 THERE SHOULD BE A SPECIAL CCIR MEETING IN MIDDLE OF 1978 TO DO TECHNICAL PLANNING FOR THE 1979 WARC CONFERENCE. THIS MEETING WOULD REPLACE THE NORMAL CCIR INTERIM STUDY GROUPS SCHEDULED FOR LATE 1978. COMMENT: NOTE CONTRAST BETWEEN DSYG BUTLER'S VIEWS AND (REF C) VIEWS EXPRESSED BY BERRADA ON THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBJECT. LATTER CALLED FOR TWO MEETINGS OF MEMBER STATE WORKING PARTIES TO PREPARE FOR 1979 WARC. THERE IS INTERNAL ITU AGREEMENT, AT LEAST, ON NEED FOR PREPARATORY MEETING OF SOME KIND BEFORE 1979 WARC.

D. 1975 REGIONAL LF/MF BROADCASTING CONFERENCE: BUTLER SAID THAT PROSPECT OF EVENTUAL AGREEMENT ON A UNIFORM 8 KHZ BAND SPACING FOR ASSIGNMENT OF LF/MF FREQUENCIES AT OCT 1975

CONFERENCE WAS NOT DEAD. IN ADDITION HE SAID THERE WAS GREATER AGREEMENT ON NEED FOR UNIFORM SPACING FOR REGIONS 1 AND 3 AND EVENTUALLY FOR WORLD, I.E. REGION 2.

E) REVISION OF STRUCTURE OF RADIO REGULATIONS: BUTLER AFFIRMED THAT 1977 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE AERONAUTICAL RADIO SERVICE CONFERENCE SHOULD DECIDE ON THE REVISION OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE RADIO REGULATIONS, EITHER AS A RECOMMENDATION TO THE 1979 WARC OR AS PART OF THE CONFERENCE FINAL ACTS. HE ENVISAGED THE 1977 CONFERENCE ROLE AS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE CHARTER GROUP OPERATIONS PRIOR TO DRAWING UP OF THE NEW ITU CONVENTION AT 1973 TORREMOLINOS PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE.

F) FRENCH LANGUAGE VERSION OF TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION: BUTLER SIAD FRENCH APPEAL TO EEC AND OTHER COUNTRIES FOR SUPPORT FOR THEIR POSITION ON FRENCH WORKING OF TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION PARA 269, ARTICLE 56, HAD NOT BEEN GETTING SYMPATHETIC HEARING. HE UNDERSTOOD THERE WAS NOT A PROPOSAL BEING MADE THAT SYG MILI BE ASKED TO CIRCULATE A LETTER TO MEMBER STATES DESCRIBING CHANGES MADE IN WORDING BY ITU ADMINISTRATION PRIOR TO PUBLICATION OF TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION. BUTLER SIAD HE CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED THIS AND CITED ITU HISTORY SINCE CAIRO CONFERENCE ON REVISION OF WORDING OF CONFERENCE DECISIONS. HE CONCLUDED THAT REAL ISSUE WAS WHETHER ITU WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF SIGNATURES OF THE FINAL ACTS OF CONFERENCES. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE FRENCH ACTION WAS PUTTING INTO JEOPARDY THE WHOLE PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEES OF ITU CONFERENCES ARE TRADITIONALLY CHAIRED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM FRANCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UK FOR ENGLISH AND FROM SPAIN FOR SPANISH AS MEMBERS. FINALLY, BUTLER SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE FRENCH MAY NOW BE RELENTING ON THEIR OPPOSITION TO SIGNING THE TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION BECAUSE OF THIS LANGUAGE DISPUTE. ABRAMS
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